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Letter to The Editor

I would like to take an opportunity to express my sincere appreciation and gratitude to the New Beginnings Child Development Center at Fort Huachuca. I am an active duty Soldier assigned to the U.S. Army Medical Department Activity and my son attends the CDC daily. The care he receives, for lack of a better word, is awesome! I am never concerned about his safety or the attention he receives from the staff. Each day he learns and develops as a direct result of the care and education the staff at the CDC provide. Too often we hear the negative thoughts of a few people, when day in and day out these great people give of themselves to provide the highest quality care for our children.

Recently the CDC posted a notice to all parents requesting early pick-up (3 p.m.) of their children on the Dec. 16 in order for the staff to celebrate the upcoming holidays with a holiday party. It was brought to my attention that the party had to be canceled due to a few parents who complained that the CDC would close early. Not only was the

scheduled day for the event advertised one month in advance, but the requested closure time was only two and a half hours ahead of the normal operating hours.

The staff at the CDC are the most dedicated, self-less and hardest working people on this post. When others are off for training holidays, they are working. When civilian employees are released for 59 minutes, they are working. I am sure that others on this post will be celebrating the holidays with unit functions while the CDC is caring for their children; however, these caregivers will not be able to celebrate for two and a half hours.

Why not return the spirit of giving and allow these dedicated people an opportunity to come together and enjoy the holiday spirit as well? Give them the rewards they deserve. Take the time to think of others, I am sure they would do the same for you!

CAPT.JENNIFER RODRIGUEZ
MEDDAC

We remember

Early on a quiet Sunday morning on December 7, 1941, aircraft of the Empire of Japan, without provocation or warning, attacked the United States forces at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. More than 2,400 Americans died that day and another 1,100 were wounded, in what was the start of a long and terrible war against the forces of fascism, tyranny, and imperialism.

Out of that surprise attack grew a steadfast resolve to defend the freedoms on which our Nation was founded. From the ruins of Pearl Harbor, America built the strongest Navy in the world and emerged as a superpower to lead a coalition of allies to victory over evil in World War II. Our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and Marines fought and won many crucial battles, defeating history's most powerful tyranny. Our Nation must always remember the heroism, dedication, and sacrifice of those who served. Their courage in battle continues to inspire us today as our Armed Forces fight against terrorism around the world.

[Excerpt from the 2002 Pearl Harbor Proclamation by President George W. Bush]

Scout On The Street

What are your plans for the holidays?



SHELIA CAMPBELL, CIVILIAN



VIRGIL CAMPBELL,
RET. U.S. AIR FORCE MASTER SERGEANT



SGT. SHONDA DENEULT,
COMPANY A 304TH MILITARY INTELLIGENCE
BATTALION



PVT. TIFFANY FODOR,
THUNDERBIRD DINING FACILITY

Eating turkey and spending time with family.

Checking out all my presents.

Staying here with friends.

Absolutely nothing, it's my first Christmas away from home.

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TRADOC units get set for Christmas Exodus

BY SGT. 1ST CLASS REGINALD P. ROGERS

TRADOC NEWS SERVICE

Within the next two weeks, thousands of Soldiers at Training and Doctrine Command schools will begin packing up and preparing to move during the annual break from training known as the Holiday Exodus.

Holiday Exodus is a two-week period in which Soldiers who are assigned to the Army's training centers are allowed to return home for the holidays. All the Army's training centers are regulated by the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, headquartered at Fort Monroe, Va.

This year's exodus is scheduled to take place Dec. 20 through Jan. 3, 2005. According to U.S. Army Accessions Command's G-3, Col. Kevin A. Shwedo, the exodus will incorporate more than the basic combat training, advanced individual training and one-station unit training Soldiers.

"It actually incorporates all the TRADOC schools," he explained. "So you'll get anybody who's in school in TRADOC, and it overlaps the Christmas period. They will all be covered by the exodus regulation."

Shwedo said the event will cover thousands of Soldiers, including those who train at posts like Fort Jackson, S.C., which has the largest number of exodus participants of all the Army training centers.

"We're talking thousands, all moving on the same day, to return – in most cases – home to share the holidays with their loved ones," Shwedo said.

He added that since there will be a great number of traveling Soldiers, safety is always of concern throughout the holidays.

"There's always a concern about safety any time you start movements," he said. "There are always concerns about force protection; there are concerns about how they travel, not only to home and return, but also over the holidays as well."

"The chain of command spends a significant amount of time talking to the Soldiers about not driving while they're tired and about not trying to get too much done in one day," he added. "We want them to remember the proverbial 'No drinking and driving,' but we'll also talk to them about the potentials for them being a (terrorism) target as well."

He said the force-protection issues discussed with all Soldiers are all too important. It is important for Soldiers to be alert to their surroundings and reporting anything they see, regardless of how inconsequential they may perceive it.

"All these things, when experts look at them, can be tied together to constitute a picture that may preclude an incident," Shwedo said. "So when we send these young Soldiers on out, they're aware of their surroundings and they'll assist us in identifying any potential obstacles to safety."

Shwedo said that morale is high among the Soldiers who are training at TRADOC schools.

"The Soldiers are excited about coming into the Army," he said. "One of the things that's great about sending them home is they take that same enthusiasm home over the holidays, and they can communicate to the people they grew up with a little bit about Army values. They can talk to them about Warrior Ethos. They go home with their PT uniforms, and they take PT in their home area."



Courtesy photo

Many Soldiers will be returning home for the holidays.

Shwedo also added that exodus is not only about sending Soldiers home, it's also a tribute to their leaders.

"It's about taking care of those leaders and trainers who are committed to preparing those Soldiers every day," he said. "It's about getting them some time with their families. It's about letting them recharge their batteries, so that when they come back to training after the first of the year, they're fired up and they're setting the conditions for success in every training event they've got."

JAG reminds employees to plan "ethical" holiday celebrations

JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL'S
RELEASE

We are approaching that time of the year when Fort Huachuca Soldiers and employees plan and prepare their holiday season office celebrations. It is a time when groups of employees plan celebrations which may raise ethical conduct issues. There are some absolute rules, but in many cases, the issues involve the application of "judgement."

Government time, appropriated funds

Can employees participate in a holiday celebration on government time?

Yes, but only to a point.

Employees may participate in a "pot luck" in the office, or a more formal luncheon event at a restaurant. However, ethical issues normally arise during the preparation of the celebration. The key to resolving these issues is judgement.

Committees planning a celebration should limit their planning to a few

short telephone calls to party shops, with visits and purchases made from the party shops after duty hours. It is permissible for the committee to make phone calls and to receive faxes from restaurants. However, preparing the holiday celebration should not become a significant part of an employee's duties.

Appropriated funds may be used to purchase holiday decorations for an office entryway, but the expenditure must be items that can be used in future years and the expense must be kept to a minimum. Employees may not use government funds to purchase greeting cards. Use good judgement.

Fundraising

Employees may want to participate in fundraising to pare down the cost of their celebrations. The general rule is no fundraising. However, there are exceptions to this rule, but first let's discuss some of the prohibited types of fundraising.

It is wrong to solicit outside sources

such as car dealerships, department stores or restaurants for donations, to include door prizes, for the function.

Therefore, if employees of an organization want to raise money, they could run a bake sale or utilize another event such as a silent auction, in their organization's building to raise money for buying door prizes or reducing the cost of a dinner at a restaurant.

However, the directorate/commander needs to approve the plan after consultation with the ethics counselor.

The ethics counselor will advise the following:

Keep the fundraising event low key. The fundraiser should not be the sole occupation of the employee's week leading up to the event or during the day of the event. Do not use official government e-mail to announce the event. Do not announce the event to all addresses on the Fort Huachuca global address list.

Use minimal government time. No duty time to bake or purchase cakes, cookies, etc. However, some minimal time can be used to plan the event.

Employees actually conducting the bake sale should do so primarily on their personal time. The fundraising event should not become a significant part of anyone's duties.

Use of government resources requires judgement. It would be permissible to use the government computer to make a few flyers to post on bulletin boards.

Do not solicit from outside sources (such as employees of a support contractor) to contribute to the fundraiser.

Contractor employees, and other non-government workers may purchase items at the bake sale. However, federal employees may not personally solicit sales from non-federal personnel.

Gift giving

We may exchange gifts among ourselves during the holiday season. But again, there are limits.

We may not accept a gift from anyone who makes less money than we do.

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Avoid getting the flu

BY SELINA JEANISE
RWBAHC PUBLIC AFFAIRS
OFFICER

Influenza outbreaks usually occur during the winter months around the world and normally peak around January at Fort Huachuca. While the virus can cause disease among any age group, children are infected most often. But, persons age 65 and older and any age person with certain health complications are at highest risk for serious illness and death caused by the influenza virus. During the late 1990s, about 36,000 people a year died from influenza.

One important thing to know about the illness we call "the flu," is that it is caused by a virus, not a bacteria. Antibiotics like penicillin will not help if you are infected with any virus. Antibiotics only help with bacterial infections.

There are two types of influenza that cause illness in humans, type A and B. Influenza A is further categorized into two subtypes. Your immune system produces specific antibodies for different viruses. Antibodies are like Soldiers trained just for one certain type of battle against a specific enemy. This is why each year we need to get a flu shot. One shot

doesn't protect us for years to come because the viruses change by mutating and the antibodies our immune system produced last year will not recognize the mutated influenza virus this year.

The good news is that even in the absence of vaccinations, there are things we can do to prevent the spread of the flu and stay well during this flu season. The influenza virus is spread by airborne droplets when an infected person coughs or sneezes. These droplets, also called secretions, land on a doorknob or telephone, you come along and touch this surface and then touch your nose, mouth or rub your eyes. In a few days you begin to feel tired and achy and you've got the flu.

A strong, healthy body is one of the best weapons in fighting any infection, especially a virus. A strong immune system is your best defense. To boost your immune system get plenty of rest, eat a well-balanced diet, exercise regularly, decrease stress and cut back on unhealthy habits such as smoking and drinking alcohol. Second hand smoke is just as damaging so if you smoke, do so outside, away from family members.

It is also important to know

that cold weather does not make you ill. Infections by viruses and bacteria make us sick, by causing colds, sore throats, and the flu. One of the reasons we get sick more in the winter months is because we are indoors more often and it is easier for us to spread germs. Keep your home well ventilated.

Other proven habits that will help stop the spread of influenza:

Frequent hand washing

Cover your mouth and nose with tissue when coughing or sneezing

Using alcohol-based sanitizers

Do not share utensils, such as cups and silverware

Avoid sharing telephones

Clean high contact items such as doorknobs, faucets, and telephones with soap and water

Stay home if you become ill and avoid close contact with others

If you are breast feeding and develop the flu there are precautions you can take to avoid infecting your baby. Before breastfeeding and handling your baby you should put on a surgical mask, they are available at most drug stores. Wash

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Photo by Creighton Holub

Last rites

Spc. Eric Gustafson reassembles his bolt and his M16-A2 before turning it in to the arms room Sunday after Company D 309th, Military Intelligence Battalion's field training exercise.



Photo by Elizabeth Davie

New commander

Fort Huachuca's B-Troop will have a change of command ceremony at 4 p.m. Friday on Brown Parade Field. Jay Hizer, retired warrant officer and Joint Interoperability Test Command contractor will replace Pete Criscuolo as the commander of the mounted cavalry memorial troop.

Program brings Soldiers home to share deployment experiences

U.S.ARMY RECRUITING COMMAND NEWS RELEASE

The Army has a great opportunity for Soldiers who want to share their Operations Enduring Freedom or Iraqi Freedom deployment experiences with friends, family and community members in their hometown, as well as to help recruit the next generation of heroes.

Through the Special Recruiter Assistance Program, eligible Soldiers can serve on temporary duty up to 14 days at the recruiting station nearest their hometown. During that time, Soldiers will work for the recruiting station by assisting with recruiting activities, speaking at college and community events, and participating in interviews with local media.

Sgt. Kevin Turnblom of the 108th Air Defense Artillery Brigade at Fort Bliss applied for the program so he could return home to his alma mater, Weber State University in Ogden, Utah, to share firsthand his deployment experiences in Kuwait and Iraq.

"It's a great opportunity. ... I talk [to students] about

my experiences; they are interested in what I have to say," said Spc. Andrew Petrucelli, an infantry Soldier from Fort Bragg, N.C., who last month assisted recruiters in the Newton, N.Y., area.

During SRAP activities in and around her hometown of Green Cove Springs, Fla., Spc. Lauren Snell recalled her experiences in Baghdad as both perilous and gratifying.

SRAP participants are free to share their stories in their own words so that the American public can see and hear firsthand what it truly means to be a Soldier, as well as the pride each Soldier takes in his or her mission.

Hundreds of students visited with 101st Airborne Division infantryman Spc. Jeremy Peterson during his SRAP duty with the Rochester, Minn., Recruiting Station.

Clad in his no-longer-dusty desert camouflage uniform, Peterson talked with students about his deployment

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New aircraft technology showcased on post

BY SPC. JOY PARIANTE
SCOUT STAFF

The Special Electronic Mission Aircraft Conference was held Nov. 30 through Dec. 2 on Fort Huachuca.

A focal point of the conference was the display at Libby Army Airfield of the aerial common sensor aircraft, sponsored by Lockheed Martin.

The ACS system has been conceived by the intelligence center as the Army's premier future force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance system, said Lee Ilse, TSM. This system combines the capabilities of all the currently used manned aerial reconnaissance systems into one aircraft, said Charles Atkins, Lockheed Martin.

The network associated with the ACS will allow for ISR and ground forces communication, much like unmanned aerial vehicles, Atkins said. "This will bring actionable intelligence from

the warfighter to the brigade level."

"[ACS] will provide Army commanders with a globally responsive airborne collection platform that provides actionable intelligence and information dominance that is unmatched by any DoD [Department of Defense] system," Ilse said.

The function of ACS are to detect, locate, track and target threat forces through the use of various intelligence reconnaissance systems, Ilse said.

The aircraft's presence at the conference was to inform the SEMA community of ACS capabilities, Atkins said.

Fort Huachuca is in discussions to be the training site for ACS pilots, operators and maintainers. Lockheed Martin proposed a consolidated training and support center on the commercial side of LAAF, said Richard Lofton, Flight Safety simulation team. If the project is approved, the facility will be ready to train Soldiers in March of 2007.



Photo by Spc. Joy Pariente

Rad Hastings of Flight Safety, the largest aircraft safety organization, briefs Maj. Prescott Farris who's in charge of training strategies and developments of new aircraft systems at Fort Huachuca. Hastings described the functions and uses of this training system that utilizes a touch screen, true to life layout of a cockpit for training.

Holiday decorating rules and safety tips

BY: SPC. MARCUS BUTLER
SCOUT STAFF

With thoughts of family fun and laughter filling the air, everyone is gearing up for the holidays.

With no worries and no thoughts of tragedy, the holiday scene is set to be perfect. Perfect until the wishful thinking and optimism are shattered by an unforeseen accident that spoils all that the holiday season embodies.

"No one wants anything to happen to themselves or their love ones but if they are not conscious of safety precautions that can be put into place to prevent accidents, anyone can be victimized," said Bruce V. Heran, safety manager.

When it comes to house decorating and rules, there are some safety tips that can be followed to ensure that safety is priority one.

1. When putting up Christmas lights at home for the holidays, make sure that all electrical cords are in good condition. Never run cords under the carpet, and avoid overloading sockets with many plugs; this can start an electrical fire.

2. Don't obstruct exits with decorations. Keep entryway and exits clear. Promptly remove ice or snow if it collects on porches, steps or walks.

3. When visiting other people's homes, remember that their homes may not be child-proofed. When arriving at a party or friend's house, look around to make sure that there are no obvious hazards to your child.

4. When going out to holiday parties without the children, be sure that your baby sitter knows where and how to reach you. All emergency numbers should be clearly posted so that the babysitter can use them if needed.

5. To avoid food poisoning, always thaw the turkey in the refrigerator and not on the countertop. Also, remember that food should never be left at room temperature for more than 2 hours.

6. Children love to get toys for Christmas! It is a good idea to follow the age ranges on packages, as toys that are too advanced could be hazardous for younger children. Make sure that there are no parts of the toy that could be swallowed or can choke a child.

7. Children enjoy stuffed toys like Teddy bears and cloth dolls. When buying these items make sure that they have sturdy seams

and that the eyes, noses and other parts are very firmly attached.

Loose pieces can easily be swallowed by a child.

8. Make sure that your young child does not have access to the Christmas tree. Ornaments are often made of metal plastic or foam, and can be dangerous as they can block the child's air passage, and can also cut a child's skin.

9. Holiday plants are quite attractive to children but potentially very toxic. Make sure that plants such as Mistletoe, Holly and Rhododendron are out of the reach of children at all times.

"If you can child and fire proof your home then mostly everything else will fall into place and be taken care of," Heran said.

Other steps can be followed as well to keep the holiday season a safe one especially when dealing with fire.

When dealing with a fire place, make sure that the flu is open.

All decorations should be a safe distance away. Hot ashes should be placed in metal containers until they are cold.

Exercise caution when using "fire salts" which create colored flames.

"If you have a fireplace, make sure it is in good condition. Have the chimney checked or cleaned regularly, use a fireplace screen or doors and don't leave a fire unattended," Heran said.

"Know how to operate the flu and make sure it is open before you light the fire," Heran said.

Do not burn wrapping paper or even evergreen boughs. Flash fire could result from the intense burning and jumping sparks.

"Avoid the use of candles. Or at least, if you use them, make sure they are well away from anything that can burn. Do not let them burn unattended. Put them out before going to bed," Heran said.

"Check your smoke detector and be sure it operates properly. Check your fire extinguisher and know how to use it. Know how to get emergency help," Heran said.

Unfortunately, over 8,700 people are injured each year due to falls, cuts and electrical shocks. Also, there are over 400 fires annually that result in 20 deaths, 70 injuries and 15 million in property loss and damage.

"Be safe and keep your love ones safe as well, as the holiday season continues," said Heran. "Follow the rules and stay safe."

Kudos



Staff Sgt. Sean E. Oberdick receives Instructor of the Quarter honors from Col. Timothy Quinn at the Thunder Mountain Activity Center Dec. 1.



Petty Officer 1st Class Brian W. Mullis receives Sailor of the Quarter honors from Col. Timothy Quinn at the Thunder Mountain Activity Center Dec. 1.



Volunteer of the month, Jodyne Beck accepts here award during the Round-Up being held at the Thunder Mountain Activity Centre.

Chaplain’s Corner

Fort Huachuca Holiday Services and events

Catholic:

Regular masses
 Daily Mass: 11:30 a.m. Main Post Chapel
 Saturday: 5 p.m. Main Post Chapel
 Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Main Post Chapel
 Sunday: 11:30 a.m. Kino Chapel

Special services:

Date	Time	Service	Location
Wed.	7 p.m.	Advent Communal Penance Service	Main Post Chapel
Dec. 24	5 p.m.	Children’s Mass	Main Post Chapel
Dec. 24	Midnight	Midnight Mass	Main Post Chapel
Christmas	10 a.m.	Christmas Day Mass	Main Post Chapel
Christmas	5 p.m.	Christmas Day Mass	Main Post Chapel
Dec. 31	5 p.m.	Vigil of Mary	Main Post Chapel
Jan 1	11:30 a.m.	Solemnity of Mary	Main Post Chapel

Protestant:

Regular services
 Sunday: 8 a.m. Episcopal Main Post Chapel
 9:20 a.m. Kino Chapel
 9:30 a.m. Prosser Village Chapel
 11 a.m. Cross Roads Service – Cochise Theater
 11 a.m. Main Post Chapel

Special services:

Date	Time	Service	Location
24 Dec	7 p.m.	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	Main Post Chapel
24 Dec	10 p.m.	Episcopal Holy Eucharist	Main Post Chapel
25 Dec	8:30 a.m.	Christmas Day Service - Episcopa	Main Post Chapel
31 Dec	10 p.m.	Watch Night Service	Kino Chapel

Chapel Teen Groups

Weekly Sunday Night Meetings

Middle School 4 p.m.-5 p.m. at the Main Post Chapel

High School 5:30 p.m.-7 p.m. at the Main Post Chapel

Meetings will continue every Sunday through the Holidays

Events:

Dec. 11: High School Rocks and Ropes

Indoor Climbing Gym (see rocksandropes.com)
 noon - 8:30 p.m.

Adult drivers/chaperones needed

For more information, call Josephine M. Widtfeldt-Moore at 533-4748

Post chapel turns on the lights for holiday glow

BY THAYDA GRAVES
SCOUT STAFF

The Annual Post Tree Lighting and Menorah Ceremony was held Dec. 2 in front of the Main Post Chapel. After the ceremony, the 36th Army Band Chamber Ensembles presented a holiday concert in the chapel's sanctuary.

The chaplain's office has been re-

sponsible for the tree lighting ceremony for many years. Josephine Moore, outreach ministries director, has been coordinating the event since 1984.

Moore stated the ceremony has had approximately 450 people in attendance in the past. The last couple of years the turnout has been near 300. However, the numbers were somewhat lower this year, possibly due to the cold weather.

"[The ceremony] is a good way to start the holiday season, and get everybody in the holiday spirit by wishing peace throughout the world, remembering all of our Soldiers, overseas especially, and their families," Moore said.

Preparation for the ceremony takes about three months of planning. This year's ceremony included the lighting of the Menorah, celebrating the Jewish tradition of Hanukkah. Also a part of the event was the lighting of the Nativity scene and the star on the hill, which shines on the mountainside above the Fort Huachuca cemetery.

The 36th Army Brass Ensemble entertained the crowd before the ceremony. Those in attendance gathered on the grass between the chapel and the fire station as Chaplain (Lt. Col.) James Stephen gave the welcome and introduction. Chaplain (Capt.) Kevin Guthrie brought the invocation and, Col. Brian Keller, deputy commanding general, was the speaker for the evening. Seven-year-old Rebecca Rose,



Photo by Thayda Graves

Even Santa came out to celebrate the tree lighting.

whose father is currently deployed, officially lit the tree at the closing of the ceremony.

The crowd moved into the Main Post Chapel sanctuary to hear the holiday concert performed by the 36th Army Band Chamber Ensembles, led by Chief Gary Dorrell, commander. The audience was

treated to Christmas selections by the Barber Shop Quartet, Woodwind Trio, Tuba Force, Coventry Trombone Quartet, and Saxophone Quartet.

During the concert, bags of cookies, hot chocolate and apple cider were served in the children's activities room where the children visited Santa Claus. Hannah Dorrel, 6, said she had been good all year, and she thought the tree lighting ceremony was "amazing!"



Photo by Spc. Marcus Butler

Celebrating his first Christmas, 5-month-old Seth Milian is trying to get an early treat during the tree lighting ceremony.



Photo by Spc. Marcus Butler

Pvt. Isaiah Robinson, chaplain assistant, is standing by the menorah after its lighting during the tree lighting ceremony at the Main Post Chapel.



Range Closures

Thursday – AH, AK, AL, AM, AR, AU, AW, AC, AD

Friday – AH, AK, AL, AR, AU, AC, AD

Saturday – AL, AR, AU, AC, AD, T1, T1A, T2

Sunday – AL, AR, AU

Monday – AC, AD, AF, AG, AL, AP, AU, AW, AY, T1, T1A, T2

Tuesday – AC, AD, AG, AL, AU, AW, AY, T1, T1A, T2

Wednesday – AC, AD, AG, AH, AK, AL, AR, AU, AW, AY, T1, T1A, T2

For more information on Range Closures, call Range Control 533-7095.

Holiday hours

Administration Office will be closed on Christmas Eve, Christmas, New Year's Eve and New Year's.

Launderette will be open on Christmas Eve from 6 a.m. – 6 p.m., closed on Christmas, open from 6 a.m. – 6 p.m. on New Year's Eve and open from 6 a.m. – 9 p.m. on New Year's.

Main Store will be open from 9 a.m. – 9 p.m. today, from 9 a.m. – 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, from 9 a.m. – 7 p.m. on Sunday, from 9 a.m. – 9 p.m. on Monday through Dec. 16, from 9 a.m. – 10 p.m. on Dec. 17 and 18, from 9 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. on Dec. 19, from 9 a.m. – 10 p.m. on Dec. 20 through Dec. 23, from 6 a.m. – 6 p.m. on Christmas Eve, closed on Christmas, from 9 a.m. – 8 p.m. on Dec. 26 through Dec. 30, from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. on New Year's Eve and New Year's.

Barber Shop Main Store will be open from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Christmas Eve, closed on Christmas, open from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. on New Year's Eve and closed New Year's.

Beauty Shop will be open on Christmas Eve from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., closed on Christmas, open from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. on New Year's Eve and closed on New Year's.

Flower Shop will be open on Christmas Eve from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., closed on Christmas, open from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. on New Year's Eve and closed on New Year's.

GNC will be open on Christmas Eve from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., closed on Christmas, open from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. on New Year's Eve and closed on New Year's.

UPS Store will be open on Christmas Eve from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., closed on Christmas, open from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. on New Year's Eve and closed on New Year's.

Optical Shop will be open on Christmas Eve from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., closed on Christmas, open from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. on New Year's Eve and closed on New Year's.

Xtreeme Franks will be closed on Christmas Eve and Christmas, and closed on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

Baskin Robins will be closed on Christmas Eve and Christmas, open from Noon – 4 p.m. on Dec. 26 through Dec. 30, and closed on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

Anthony's Pizza will be open on Christmas Eve from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., closed on Christmas, open from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. on New Year's Eve and closed on New Year's.

Robin Hood Deli will be open on Christmas Eve from 10:30 a.m. – 5 p.m., closed on Christmas, open from 10:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. on New Year's Eve and closed on New Year's.

Furn/ODL will be open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. – 7 p.m., Saturdays from 9 a.m. – 7 p.m., Sundays from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., Christmas Eve from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m., closed on Christmas, open from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. on New Year's Eve and from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. on New Year's.

Shoppette/Class 6 will be closed on Christmas and opened from 8 a.m. – 10 p.m. on New Year's Day.

Barracks Phone Center will be open from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. on Christmas Eve, and closed on Christmas, open from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. on New Year's Eve, and closed on New Year's.

Laundry, Dry Cleaner, Alteration will be open from 7 a.m. – 3 p.m. on Christmas Eve, and closed on Christmas, open from 7 a.m. – 3 p.m. on New Year's Eve, and closed on New Year's.

AT&T Cyber Zone will be open from 8 a.m. – 9 p.m. on Christmas Eve, and closed on Christmas, open from 8 a.m. – 9 p.m. on New Year's Eve, and closed on New Year's.

Barber Shop-Mini Mall will be closed on Christmas Eve, Christmas, New Year's Eve and New Year's.

Wired Coffee will be closed on Christmas Eve, Christmas, New Year's Eve and New Year's.

Enterprise will be open from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. on Christmas Eve, closed on Christmas, open from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. on New Year's Eve and closed on New Year's.

Laundry & Dry Cleaner MCSS will be closed on Christmas Eve, Christmas, New Year's Eve and New Year's.

Cochise Theater will be closed on Dec. 23 Christmas Eve, Christmas, New Year's Eve and New Year's.

Military Clothing Sales and Services will be open from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Dec. 18, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. on Dec. 19, from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Dec. 20 through Christmas Eve, closed on Christmas, open from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. on Dec. 26, from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Dec. 27 through New Year's Eve, and closed on New Year's.

Burger King will be open from 7 a.m. – 9 p.m. on Dec. 18, from 8 a.m. – 9 p.m. on Dec. 19, from 6 a.m. – 10 p.m. on Dec. 20 through Dec. 23, from 6 a.m. – 3 p.m. on Christmas Eve, closed on Christmas and Dec. 26, open from 6 a.m. – 7 p.m. on Dec. 27 through New Year's Eve, closed on New Year's and open from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. on Jan. 2.

Greely Hall Diner will be open from 6:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., closed on Christmas Eve, open from 6:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. and closed on New Year's Eve.

Barber Shop Greely Hall will be closed on Christmas Eve, Christmas, New Year's Eve and New Year's.

JITC Cafeteria will be open from 7 a.m. – 1 p.m. on Dec. 23, closed on Christmas Eve, open from 7 a.m. – 1 p.m., and closed on New Year's Eve. Mobile Trucks will be closed from Dec. 18 through Jan. 2.

Regimental Retail Store will be open from 8 a.m. – 9 p.m. on Dec. 18 through Christmas Eve, closed on Christmas, open from 8 a.m. – 9 p.m. on Dec. 26 through Dec. 30, from 8 a.m. – 10 p.m. on Dec. 31 and New Year's.

Regimental Food Court-Anthony's will be open from noon – 6 p.m. on Dec. 18 through Christmas Eve, closed on Christmas, open from noon – 6 p.m. on Dec. 26 through New Year's Eve, closed on New Year's, open from noon – 8:30 p.m. on Jan. 2 and from 10:30 a.m. – 8:30 p.m. on Jan. 3.

Regimental Food Court-Charley's will be open from noon – 6 p.m. on Dec. 18 through Christmas Eve, closed on Christmas, open from noon – 6 p.m. on Dec. 26 through New Year's Eve, closed on New Year's and open from noon – 8:30 p.m. on Jan. 2 and open from 10:30 a.m. – 8:30 p.m. on Jan. 3.

Regimental Food Court-Franks's Cart will be closed from Dec. 18 – Jan. 2. Regimental Food Court-Popeye's will be open from noon – 6 p.m. on Dec. 18 through Christmas Eve, closed on Christmas, open from noon – 6 p.m. on Dec. 26 through New Year's Eve, closed on New Year's, open from noon – 8:30 p.m. on Jan. 2 and from 10:30 a.m. – 8:30 p.m. on Jan. 3.

Main Gate Shoppette will be open Christmas Eve from 7 a.m. – 6 p.m., closed on Christmas and open on Dec. 26 from 8 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Taco Johns will be closed on Christmas, open on Dec. 26 from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., from 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. on Dec. 27 through Dec. 30, from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. on New Year's Eve, closed on New Year's and open from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. on Jan. 2.

MLK luncheon

The Fort Huachuca military community presents a post-wide commemoration luncheon in honor of The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The theme for the event is "How Does a Man of Peace Fight?" It will be held at the Thunder Mountain Activity Center on Jan. 20 from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

The guest speaker for this event will be the Honorable Ronald A. Wilson, chief presiding judge for the city of South Tucson.

The cost of the luncheon is \$10. For more information or tickets, call the Military Equal Opportunity Office at 533-1717/3696/5305.

Volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed for participation

in a community choir. This choir will perform at the post-wide Martin Luther King Jr. luncheon at the Thunder Mountain Activity Center on Jan. 20. For more information, call F.J. Campbell at 533-3151/2003.

Employment opportunity

The Home Depot has unveiled a new program to hire military retirees, veterans and military spouses nationwide. The Home Depot hired nearly 10,000 veterans in 2003 and they expect to surpass that number by a wide margin in 2004. For more information, visit www.homedepot.com

Package supplies

The U.S. Postal Service offers free packing materials to spouses and families of deployed Soldiers. To request free boxes, packing materials, tape and mailing labels for care packages, call (800)-610-8734. Most of these supplies may also be ordered online at <http://supplies.usps.gov>.

Office Closures

The Self Help Store will be closed Dec. 24 and Christmas and New Year's Eve and New Years. For more information, call Ange Figueroa at 533-2049.

The Thrift Shop at Fort Huachuca will be closed for the holidays from Dec. until Jan. 3.

We will reopen Jan. 4 at 9:30 a.m.. For more information please, call Lois Shuttleworth at 458-4606.

EEO program

The Fort Huachuca EEO Office's Special Emphasis Program (SEP) Committee offers an open invitation to all interested employees and individuals within the local community to our next SEP Committee meeting which will be held on December 14, 2004, 1430 hours in the Murr Community Center. The SEP Committee is involved with many innovative employment projects and would like you to be a part of them.

The SEP Committee meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month. The collateral-duty Federal Women's Program Manager position is open.

If you are interested in this position, call Joan Street at 538-0276.

Blood drive

U.S. Army Medical Department Activity will be providing med support Dec. 16 at Eifler Gym sponsored by the Red Cross (U.S. Army Intelligence Center - tasked unit) MEDDAC will be providing med support.

And the challenge is on. Future thanks in supporting this end of year drive - 1 pint saves 4 lives!

For more information, call Lucinda Barber at 533-8493.

Local college shows excellence

COCHISE COLLEGE RELEASE

Cochise College was awarded the Ray Ehrensberger Award for Institutional Excellence in November. Cochise College has made major contributions to the education of the Fort Huachuca military community.

Since first offering on-post classes in 1971, Cochise College has cultivated an exceptional educational partnership with the Fort Huachuca military community. For more than three decades, the college has demonstrated an unwavering dedication to offering new and innovative programs intended to fully serve the military community's ever evolving educational needs.

In 2001, Cochise College entered into a 10 year, renewable agreement for the exclusive use of one of the Fort's older buildings that was in jeopardy of being condemned as a means of obtaining direly needed additional office and classroom space. The process required that the College be issued a real estate license for the use of the building. The fort allocated funds to replace the roof, construct an entryway awning, and refurbish the exterior of the

building. Cochise College committed over \$200,000 for interior improvements including new carpeting and furniture, repairing walls and painting, and installing additional updated electronic wiring and new program initiatives. The College converted two of the building's smaller classrooms into a much needed cooking laboratory for its Culinary Arts Program. The school invested in excess of \$50,000 into the Culinary Arts project with the major outlays going toward commercial grade kitchen equipment and appliances.

Cochise College recently added a CISCO Academy, also housed within the renovated building, with a state-of-the-art computer network laboratory. Previously, students had to travel over 60 miles to take the courses required to obtain certification as a CISCO Network Administrator. One of the building's larger classrooms now functions as a computer lab as well as an English classroom/research lab, equipped with a wireless computer network, where students can consult online references and conduct in-class research.

The college has expanded their Aviation Program as well by bringing an airplane

permanently to Libby Army Airfield on Fort Huachuca. The college has provided a fulltime flight instructor to teach on-post aviation courses and offer students the opportunity to log flying time at the fort. This eliminated 85 mile round trips for students.

Another new project recently developed for the 33W (Military Intelligence Systems Maintainer/Integrator) military occupational specialty has resulted in the college receiving approval for the use of three of the military's state-of-the-art electronics laboratories. Students can now take evening college classes and complete the core course requirements for an Associate of Applied Science degree in Electronics Technology.

Undoubtedly, the School's capstone project has been the MOS Credentialing Program. This program was developed specifically for 12 military intelligence occupational specialties. Students pursuing a Military Intelligence Operations degree are required to pay a one-time \$35 enrollment fee. Cochise College then awards traditional college credit for completed MI training and instruction received during initial entry as well as basic noncommissioned

officer and advanced NCO courses. The MOS Credentialing Program was audited and approved by the State of Arizona in 2004 and particularly noteworthy, the Army's Activity Based Costing Program has identified cost avoidance and savings of over \$6M in Fiscal Year 2004 for this program. This program was one of three cost initiatives submitted for a Department of the Army wide activity based costing initiative competition and recently helped Fort Huachuca win the \$100,000 cash award.

The added administrative workload associated with supporting these new and expanded programs have of course warranted additional manpower and staffing. The last two years have seen the college double the center's fulltime administrative staff, from three to six, with two more staff positions planned for the near future to meet ever increasing administrative demands.

Cochise College stands as a shining example of what a community college that serves a military community can become and the presentation of the Ray Ehrensberger Award for Institutional Excellence proves just that.



Photo by Spc. Creighton Holub

Pearl Harbor

Spc. Jason Genrich, Company C 40th Signal Battalion, of the Fort Huachuca select honor guard puts the POW/MIA flag onto flag pole Tuesday in remembrance of Pearl Harbor. The Japanese attacked the U.S. on Dec. 7, 1941 and brought America into World War II.

Course introduces students to s



Photo by Warren Wright

Cadet Master Sgt. Gregory Roberts, Cadet Cpl. Frank Hoopes and Cadet Sgt. 1st Class Terrance Rakestraw prepare to raise the colors at a home foot ball game. This honor belongs to the cadet battalion alone.

BY SPC. JOY PARIANTE
SCOUT STAFF

Directions issued in command voices echo through the high school hallways. In a catacomb of classrooms at the rear of Buena High School, students dressed in Soldier's garb listen attentively as retired military personnel lecture on military history, basic Soldiers skills and U.S. government.

The Buena Fighting Colts Junior Reserve Officer Training Course is training the military leaders of tomorrow here in Sierra Vista.

JROTC is an elective course offered at select high schools across the country. Students are still required to take a full academic course load and keep passing grades.

The four-year JROTC program uses hands on and classroom instruction to give high school students a comprehensive introduction to the military world. The soon-to-be Soldiers conduct physical training, go on field training exercises, learn drill and ceremony commands and movements and head to a summer boot camp. While in the classroom, they study the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines, the government, interpersonal skills and leadership, said Lt. Col.

[Ret.] John Trombley, JROTC cadre.

"When they come out of here they're already going to know all the things they need for ROTC [in college]," Trombley said.

A lot of focus is placed on teaching the cadets life lessons in the form of military experience.

"Before JROTC, I had to think about everything thoroughly, but now the command decision making kicks in," said Cadet 1st Lt. Brad Nolan, Company A commander. He also commented on improved time management and people skills that would help him in the future.

These squared away cadets are being molded by retired servicemembers to take the military reins in a few years.

"We're watching them grow and develop into young men and women with good values, good study habits, good discipline and they're responsible," Trombley said.

Students progress in rank throughout their time in the program based on academic and JROTC performance including knowledge, discipline and motivation, Trombley said.

"You must demonstrate and perform to attain the next rank," Trombley explained.



Photo by Warren Wright

At the LRC, cadets face obstacles that challenge them mentally and physically. Cadet Pvt. Jiovanna Astrup, Cadet Pvt. Kylee Wilber and Cadet Pvt. Casey Astrup have discovered the meaning of teamwork as they negotiate a difficult crossing.

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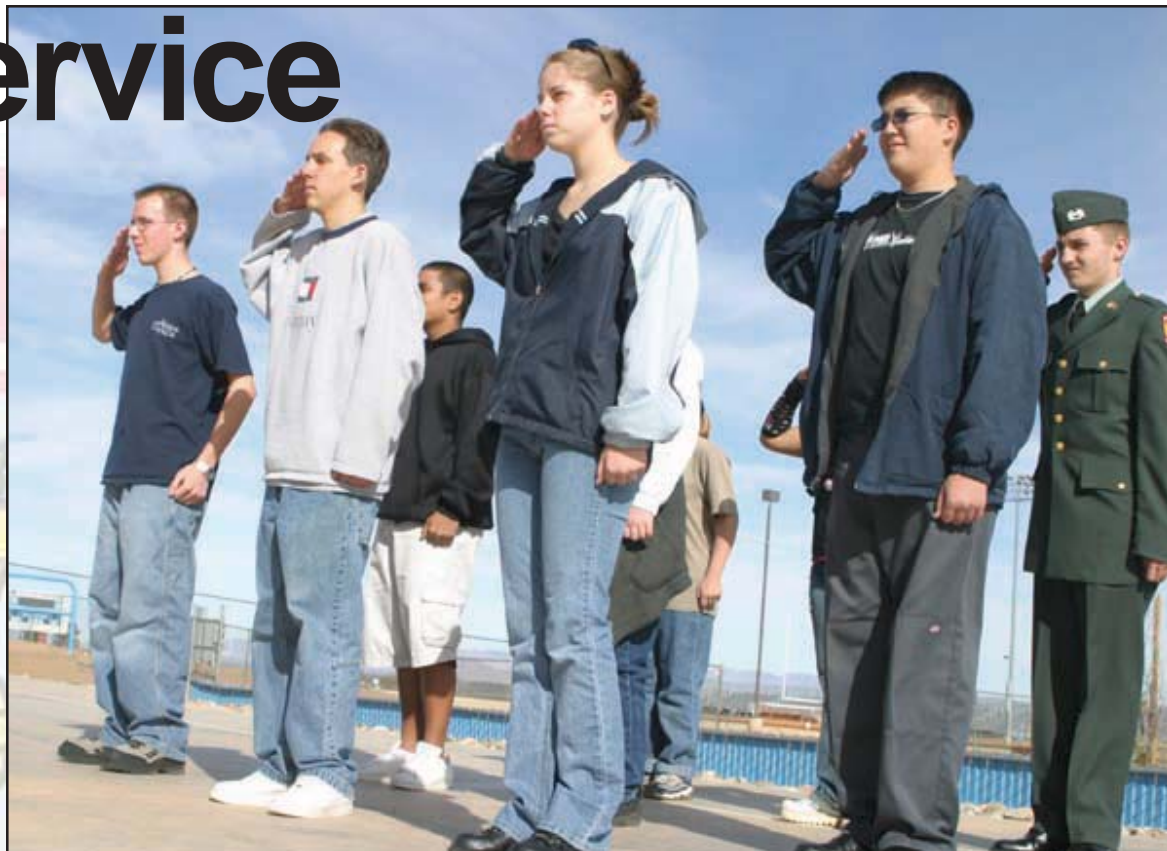


Photo by Elizabeth Davie

Every Thursday is Drill day for the Buena JROTC cadets. This is an opportunity to practice drill and ceremony movements and exercise basic leadership skills.

Some cadets really take to the course, Trombley explained, and some are there but don't exert themselves and others just can't deal with the

discipline or regimentation.

The Fighting Colt battalion is structured just like any real Army battalion, Trombley explained. There are senior

cadets who run the battalion and act as a chain of command. "They are the senior officers and enlisted who will plan and execute all battalion operations," Trombley said.

Many students are planning on pursuing careers in the military upon graduation from high school such as Nolan who is planning on being a special forces ranger in the Army. Someday the cadet first sergeants and commanders will be running companies and accomplishing missions Armywide.



Photo by Warren Wright

Cadet Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey Jenkins makes his way through a tunnel. While on Fort Huachuca's Leadership Reaction Course, Cadets must overcome obstacles with limited resources. These cadets seem to have found an obstruction.



Photo by Warren Wright

Cadet Pvt. Casey Astrup and Cadet Pvt. Jiovanna Mendoza try to complete their assigned obstacles in the time assigned and without touching restricted areas. Failure means a cool swim.



Photo by Warren Wright

Cadets receive their final instructions prior to falling out for inspection. Wearing the uniform is a program requirement the cadets take pride in.

Ultimate sacrifice paid in support of OIF

Lance Cpl. Adam R. Brooks, 20, of Manchester, N.H. and **Lance Cpl. Charles A. Hanson Jr.**, 22, of Panacea, Fla. died Nov. 28 as a result of enemy action in Babil Province, Iraq. They were assigned to 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Pfc. Stephen C. Benish, 20, of Clark, N.J., died Nov. 28 in Ar Ramadi, Iraq, when he received enemy fire while on a dismounted patrol. Benish was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Howze, Korea.

Spc. Jeremy E. Christensen, 27, of Albuquerque, N.M., died Nov. 27 in Ad Duilayah, Iraq, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his patrol vehicle. Christensen was assigned to 1st Squadron, 4th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, Schweinfurt, Germany.

Sgt. Trinidad R. Martinezluis, 22, of Los Angeles, Calif., died Nov. 28 in Baqubah, Iraq, when his 5-ton vehicle rolled over and pinned him underwater. Martinezluis was assigned to the Army's 201st Forward Support Battalion, 1st Infantry Division, Vilseck, Germany.

Staff Sgt. Michael B. Shackelford, 25, of Grand Junction, Colo. and **Sgt. Carl W. Lee**, 23, of Oklahoma City, Okla. died Nov. 28 in Ar Ramadi, Iraq, when their unit was conducting a dismounted patrol and they encountered enemy forces using small arms fire. Both were assigned to the 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Howze, Korea.

Lance Cpl. Jordan D. Winkler, 19, of Tulsa, Okla. died Nov. 26 due to a non-combat related incident at Camp Fallujah, Iraq. He was assigned to Combat Service Support Battalion 1, Combat Service Support Group 11, 1st Force Service Support Group, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Cpl. Kirk J. Bosselmann, 21, of Napa, Calif., **Lance Cpl. Bradley M. Faircloth**, 20, of Mobile, Ala., **Lance Cpl. Jeffery S. Holmes**, 20, of White River Junction, Vt., **Lance Cpl. David B. Houck**, 25, of Winston Salem, N.C., **Lance Cpl. Joshua E. Lucero**, 19, of Tucson, Ariz. and **Sgt. Nicholas S. Nolte**, 25, of Falls City, Neb.

Nolte died Nov. 24 at the National Naval Medical Center Bethesda, Md., from injuries received Nov. 9 as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. Holmes died Nov. 25, Faircloth and Houck died Nov. 26, and Bosselmann and Lucero died Nov. 27, all as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province Iraq.

Cpl. Gentian Marku, 22, of Warren, Mich., died Nov. 25 as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Lance Cpl. Blake A. Magaoay, 20, of Pearl City, Hawaii, died Nov. 29 as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Sgt. Michael A. Smith, 24, of Camden, Ark., died Nov. 26 at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., from injuries sustained in Baghdad, Iraq, on Nov. 7 when he was attacked by enemy forces using small arms fire. Smith was assigned to

the Army National Guard's 1st Battalion, 153rd Infantry Regiment, Texarkana, Ark.

Sgt. Christian P. Engeldrum, 39, of Bronx, N.Y. and **Pfc. Wilfredo F. Urbina**, 29, of Baldwin, N.Y. died Nov. 29 in Baghdad, Iraq, when their military vehicle struck an improvised explosive device. Both were assigned to the Army National Guard's 1st Battalion, 69th Infantry Regiment, New York, N.Y.

Spc. Erik W. Hayes, 24, of Cascade, Md., died Nov. 29 in Al Miqdadiyah, Iraq, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his military vehicle. Hayes was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 2nd Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, Vilseck, Germany.

Spc. Daryl A. Davis, 20, of Orlando, Fla., died Nov. 29 in Iraq when his HMWWV was involved in a traffic accident. Davis was assigned to the Army National Guard's 144th Transportation Company, Marianna, Fla.

Gunnery Sgt. Javier Obleas-Prado Pena, 36, of Falls Church, Va., died Dec. 1 at the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Germany, from injuries received Nov. 25, as result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 2nd Reconnaissance Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Spc. Isaac E. Diaz, 26, of Rio Hondo, Texas, died Dec. 1 in Sharona, Afghanistan, when his military vehicle rolled over. Diaz was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division (Light) from Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

Spc. David M. Fisher, 21, of Green Island, N.Y., died Dec. 1 in Baghdad, Iraq, when his unit was on patrol and the HMWWV in which he was riding rolled over. Fisher was assigned to the Army National Guard's 1st Battalion, 101st Cavalry Regiment, Newburgh, N.Y.

Cpl. Zachary A. Kolda, 23, of Corpus Christi, Texas, died Dec. 1 as result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to the Marine Forces Reserves' 1st Battalion, 23rd Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, Houston, Texas.

Cpl. Bryan S. Wilson, 22, of Otterbein, Ind., died Dec. 1 as result of a non-hostile vehicle incident in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Pfc. George D. Harrison, 22, of Knoxville, Tenn., died December 2 in Mosul, Iraq, when his HMMWV was attacked by enemy forces using small arms fire. Harrison was assigned to the 293rd Military Police Company, 3rd Military Police Battalion (Provisional), 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Ga.

Cpl. Binh N. Le, 20, of Alexandria, Va. and **Cpl. Matthew A. Wyatt**, 21, of Millstadt, Ill. died Friday from injuries received as result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. They were assigned to 5th Battalion, 10th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Spc. David P. Mahlenbrock, 20, of Maple Shade, N.J., died Friday in Kirkuk, Iraq, when he was clearing a route and an improvised explosive device detonated. Mahlenbrock was assigned to the 65th Engineer Battalion, 25th Infantry Division (Light), Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

Staff Sgt. Henry E. Irizarry, 38, of Bronx, New York, died Frid in Taji, Iraq, when his unit was on patrol and an improvised explosive device detonated

near his HMMWV. Irizarry was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 69th Infantry Regiment, New York, N.Y.

Sgt. Cari A. Gasiewicz, 28, of Depew, N.Y., died Saturday in Baqubah, Iraq, when two improvised explosive devices detonated near her convoy. Gasiewicz was assigned to the 202nd Military Intelligence Battalion, 513th Military Intelligence Brigade, Fort Gordon, Ga.

Staff Sgt. Salamo J. Tuialuuluu, 23, of Pago Pago, American Samoa and **Sgt. David A. Mitts**, 24, of Hammond, Ore. died Saturday in Mosul, Iraq, when their Stryker military vehicle received enemy fire during convoy operations. Both were assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Stryker Brigade Combat Team), Fort Lewis, Washington.

Sgt. Michael L. Boatright, 24, of Whitesboro, Texas died Saturday in Baghdad, Iraq, when he was struck by an improvised explosive device. Boatright was assigned to the 20th Engineer Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.





Service News



Air Force accepting applications

The Air Force is taking applications for Physician Assistant Phase I training classes beginning January, April and August 2006.

Only active-duty enlisted Airmen are eligible for the program.

The selection board is scheduled to convene here March 22. Completed applications must be sent by military personnel flight officials to HQ AFPC/DPAMW, 550 C Street West, Suite 27, Randolph AFB TX 78150-4729 no later than Jan. 28. Incomplete applications and those received after the cutoff date will be returned and will not meet the selection board, said Air Force Personnel Center officials here.

To be eligible, applicants must:

Be on active duty in the grade of E-3 through E-8 with a minimum of two years and a maximum of 14 years active military service as of Aug. 31, 2006.

Meet age limitations specified in Air Force Instruction 36-2005 for appointment as second lieutenant in the Biomedical Sciences Corps (less than 42 years old upon completion of Phase II Training).

Have a combined verbal and math score of 950 on the Scholastic Aptitude Test.

Have a minimum general score of 80 points on the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery or Air Force Classification Test.

Have 60 semester hours of transferable college credits and a grade-point average of 2.5 or better on a 4.0 scale. Math and science courses are mandatory and must be in classroom at an accredited college or

university. A combined minimum 3.0 GPA is required in those courses. Twenty-four semester hours may be met from Community College of the Air Force, Defense Activity for Nontraditional Education Support, U.S. Armed Forces Institute correspondence courses, end-of-course tests or specific-subject examinations.

For more information, contact the local military personnel flight, education office or visit www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/medical/bsc/Education/pa%20prog%2001.doc.

VP-9 Aids Multinational Rescue at Sea

Patrol Squadron 9, homeported at Marine Corps Base, Hawaii, aided in a multinational rescue of eight United Arab Emirates fishermen whose dhow had sunk off the coast of Bahrain Nov. 27.

One of the squadron's P-3C Orion aircraft received a distress call from Bahrain Air Traffic Control that a fishing dhow with eight fishermen aboard had sunk approximately one hour previously, and air traffic control requested search and rescue assistance. The P-3C immediately responded to the call and began a search for the fishermen, along with two Bahrain police helicopters.

A Bahrain search and rescue helicopter spotted the eight fishermen in a small raft. The helicopter dispatched rescue swimmers to the raft, and four fishermen were retrieved from the water. The crew of the P-3 coordinated the on-station search and rescue efforts between Bahrain traffic control, and two Bahrain helicopters and one Qatar helicopter.

A Qatari helicopter picked up the remaining four

fishermen.

Maritime patrol and reconnaissance is the mission of VP-9. The squadron is operating in the Arabian Gulf under Commander, Task Force (CTF) 57.

Marines and Japanese train together

The Station Security Reaction Team, alongside the Japanese Ground Self Defense Force, 46th Regiment Rangers, trained for four days Nov. 16-19 in preparation of this year's Active Shield joint combined exercise in Japan.

The training began Nov. 16 with SRT participating in search and clear drills. Moving from room to room with speed and force, the Marines scanned for aggressors. Their proficiency was also tested when noncombatants were placed in the scenario. Without hesitation, they evacuated the noncombatants and put the aggressors under control.

While SRT was busy on the ground, the Rangers were in the sky focusing on fast roping from a UH-1 Huey helicopter. The Huey held the Rangers at approximately 40 feet as they stepped out into the open sky. With no harnesses, they slid down the rope one by one, joining the search and clear training.

The two units train together to support each other and learn their strengths and weaknesses so they can perform better as a team in the case of a contingency, said Samuels.

The bilateral exercise was a great chance for SRT and the Rangers to get a chance to work with each other and hone their skills before Active Shield, said Samuels.

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your hands well and dry them with a clean towel or paper towel. Leave your breast covered until you have put on the surgical mask and washed and dried your hands, you may then begin to breastfeed. Don't remove your surgical mask until your baby has finished breastfeeding and you have put your baby down. You should take these precautions at every feeding for 7 days after you became ill.

If you do become ill the best treatment is rest, drink plenty of fluids,

avoid using alcohol and tobacco, and take medication to relieve your symptoms. Remember, you should never give aspirin to children or teenagers that have flu like symptoms – especially a fever – without first consulting your doctor. Influenza is a respiratory illness and symptoms include fever, headache, extreme tiredness, dry cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, and muscle aches. Often children will have nausea, vomiting and diarrhea.

There are many herbal

remedies suggested by different sources, such as health food stores, vitamin and herbal companies. You should be very cautious in using any herbal medication or remedy without first consulting your doctor. Most of these are not regulated by the Food and Drug Administration and their efficacy and safety has not been proven by authoritative and credible research. Herbs will interact with over-the-counter medications and prescription medications. Please let your pharmacist or

doctor know if you are taking any herbal or OTC medications.

If you have any concerns or questions the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, www.cdc.gov, is a good online resource. Remember, the best information tailored for your specific health needs will come from consulting your primary care provider.

Please continue to call the Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center Flu Hotline at 533-2997 for up-to-date information on flu vaccines.

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ment to Iraq and what it takes to be a Soldier. He also appreciated the extra time to spend with his parents, according to his recruiter, Sgt. Mark Yunker.

In addition to claiming reimbursement for travel expenses and per diem allowance for the 14-day temporary duty, approved SRAP Soldiers may combine the SRAP TDY with their ordinary leave, essentially extending their stay in their hometown.

The program is open to enlisted Soldiers age 25 or younger in stateside units who have served overseas in support of Operations Enduring Freedom or Iraqi Freedom. Soldiers currently serving overseas in support of OEF/OIF are asked to wait until their units return stateside to apply for the program.

Interested Soldiers must apply online at the U.S. Army Recruiting Command's Web site: www.usarec.army.mil. All applications will be screened to ensure Soldiers meet all requirements.

For more information, visit www.usarec.army.mil or call (502) 626-0448/1582.

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as a federal employees, unless there is no superior-subordinate relationship, and there is a personal relationship that would justify the gift.

If a superior-subordinate relationship exists then the highest value of any gift that we can give to a superior or a superior can accept during the holiday season is \$10. Additionally, we may not solicit contributions from other employees to help purchase the gift.

When holding an anonymous type gift exchange among employees, it is important to establish a reasonable dollar limit for the individual gifts. A dollar limit not to exceed \$5 or \$10 is certainly appropriate.

Also, this holiday season, each of us should be sensitive to the fact that not all of us celebrate the holidays in the same way. Unless we know for sure what holidays our colleagues celebrate, we should consider being more

generic in our references.

In summary, it is permissible for government employees to plan and participate in events during the holiday season. However, we must comply with the legal restrictions described above.

If you have any questions, contact one of your Fort Huachuca ethics counselors, Tom King at 533-3197 or Greg Lund at 533-5634.

December MWR holiday hours, closures

December MWR holiday hours, closures

Army Community Service will be closed Dec. 16 for a holiday party.

Child and Youth Outreach Services will be closed 11 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Dec. 17 for a holiday party.

From Dec. 20 through Dec. 23, Desert Lanes will be open noon - 9 p.m., and Jeannie's Diner will be open 9 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.

The lunch buffet at Thunder Mountain Activity Centre will be closed Dec. 20 - Jan. 4.

Barnes Field House will be open normal hours, Dec. 20 - Jan. 3, during Christmas Exodus, unless otherwise noted by individual dates below.

Barnes pool will open 5 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Dec. 20 - Jan. 3, during Christmas Exodus, unless otherwise noted below.

MWR Administrative Offices, Building 22214, will be closed 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Dec. 21, for a holiday party.

The following facilities will be open special hours Dec. 24: Moun-

tain View Golf Course, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.; the Main Library, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Barnes Field House, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.; Jeannie's Diner, 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.; Desert Lanes, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

The following MWR facilities and offices will be closed Dec. 24: MWR Administrative Offices, Building 22214, including NAF Human Resources; MWR Box Office; Buffalo Corral; Mountain View Golf Course; Barnes pool; MWR Rents; Jeannie's Diner; Desert Lanes; Thunder Mountain Activity Centre; Army Community Service; Child and Youth Services Outreach and Central Registration Offices; School Age Services; Family Child Care Office; New Beginnings Child Development Center; Youth Services; MWR Arts Center; MWR Marketing Services; and the Sportsman's Center.

Time Out will be open 9 p.m. - 4 a.m., Dec. 25, with their DJ playing pulsating Latin rhythms to help you spread some holiday cheer.

All other MWR offices and facilities will be closed Dec. 25, including

the following facilities normally open Saturdays: Barnes Field House; Buffalo Corral; Youth Services; Barnes Pool; Eifler Fitness Center; Desert Lanes; Jeannie's Diner; MWR Rents; Time Out; Thunder Mountain Activity Centre; MWR Arts Center; Mountain View Golf Course; bingo at LakeSide Activity Centre; and the Sportsman's Center.

Barnes pool will be closed Dec. 26 - 27, and open 6 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Dec. 28 and 29.

Dec. 31, the following facilities will be open special hours: Mountain View Golf Course, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.; Jeannie's Diner, 5:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.; Desert Lanes, 6 p.m. - 1 a.m. for their New Year's Eve party; Barnes Field House, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.; Thunder Mountain Activity Centre, 5 p.m. - 4 a.m. for their New Year's Eve buffet and party.

The following facilities will be closed Dec. 31: MWR Administrative Offices, Building 22214, including NAF Human Resources; MWR Box Office; Buffalo Corral; Mountain View Golf Course;

Barnes pool; MWR Rents; Jeannie's Diner; Desert Lanes; Army Community Service; Child and Youth Services Outreach and Central Registration Offices; School Age Services; Family Child Care Office; New Beginnings Child Development Center; Youth Services; MWR Arts Center; Time Out; MWR Marketing Services; and the Sportsman's Center.

Mountain View Golf Course will be open 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Jan. 1. Bingo will be played at the LakeSide Activity Centre, 12:45 p.m., Jan. 1.

All other MWR offices and facilities will be closed New Year's Day, including the following facilities normally open Saturdays: Barnes Field House, Buffalo Corral; Youth Services; Barnes pool; Eifler Fitness Center; MWR Rents; Time Out; the Youth Center; Thunder Mountain Activity Centre; MWR Arts Center; and the Sportsman's Center.

Barnes pool will be closed Jan. 2 - 3 and re-open with regular hours, Jan. 4.

MWR Box Office has holiday gift ideas

Let the MWR Box Office help with your holiday shopping. They have several unique gift ideas.

How about tickets for one of the following events coming up at the Tucson Convention Center?: Keith Urban in concert, Dec. 10; the Trans Siberian Orchestra, Dec. 17; Gala Opera Concert, Dec. 22; Tucson Ice Cats hockey, Jan. 7 and 8; "Stars on Ice," Jan. 11; or Cher in concert, Jan. 19. The Box Office has tickets on sale now for these TCC events, which may be purchased 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., only.

The MWR Box Office also has the 2005 Entertainment Book, which includes restaurant, shopping, service, sports, attractions and movie tickets.

The Tucson Attractions Passport is also available. It's filled with two-for-one offers and discounts towards Tucson's attractions, museums and shopping — savings of over \$250.

For the football fan, the Box Office has Arizona Cardinals NFL football packages available for the remainder of the Cardinal's home games. Prices start at \$109 per person.

For more information, call 533-2404 or drop by the MWR Box Office located in Building 52008 on Arizona Street, across from the Commissary. They're open 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Monday - Friday.

Hunters' Banquet set for December 18

The Sportsman's Center will host the annual Hunt-

ers' Banquet Dec. 18, with social hour beginning at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. Hunter's soup will be provided by the Sportsman's Center and those attending are asked to bring a dish to pass. Call Mick Gue at 533-7085 for more information.

Time Out open Dec. 25

Time Out will be open 9 p.m. - 4 a.m., Dec. 25, to help you spread some Christmas cheer. You can dance the night away with pulsating Latin rhythms provided by Time Out's DJ. The music starts at 10 p.m. For more information, call 533-3876.

TMAC plans New Year's party, buffet

The doors will open at 5 p.m., Dec. 31, for Thunder Mountain Activity Centre's New Year's Eve celebration.

From 5:30 - 9:30 p.m., TMAC will present its six-course, gourmet "Seafood Extravaganza" buffet. For \$35 per person, you'll be able to enjoy all-you-can-eat shrimp, blue lip mussels, king crab legs, roast beef and pork, and all the trimmings, including the dessert bar.

After the buffet, two DJs will provide a variety of musical entertainment. There will be free party favors. Admission to the dance is included in the cost of the dinner buffet.

Or you can attend the dance, and then, from 12:30 - 1:30 a.m., enjoy a continental breakfast, featuring sausage, bacon, eggs, pancakes and cheese grit cas-

serole. Tickets for the dance with the breakfast buffet are \$15 per person.

If you'd like to enjoy both the dinner and breakfast buffets and the dance, admission is \$40 for all three.

After the breakfast buffet, the music and party will continue until 4 a.m., with the admission price of \$5 per person.

Call TMAC at 533-7322 or 533-0225 to make reservations for the dinner buffet or for more information. Guarantee your reservations by credit card or prepayment by Dec. 26.

Bowl in the New Year at Desert Lanes

Desert Lanes will host a New Year's Eve party, 7 p.m. - 1 a.m., Dec. 31. The event is open to the public. Tickets can be purchased now at Desert Lanes for bowling or non-bowling admission to the party.

Save by purchasing advance tickets. The cost is \$23 for bowlers or \$16 for non-bowlers, in advance. At the door, bowlers will pay \$28 and non-bowlers, \$21. There are also discount ticket packages available for couples and families, so you can save even more.

The ticket price includes prizes, party favors and a champagne breakfast. There will be a DJ providing music, and bowlers can participate in a mini tournament.

For more information, call Desert Lanes at 533-2849.



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The Scout TimeOut

Soldiers rock

BY SPC. CREIGHTON HOLUB
SCOUT STAFF

It started as just an idea for Company B, 305th Military Intelligence Battalion, but it became a full-fledged electric guitar-grinding reality Dec. 1 at Barnes Field House.

The logical choice to start the night was Ethos, the 36th Army Band's punk rock group. Jupiter Sunrise, a civilian band that recently released its first national album, took the stage next and continued the thunderous roar that Ethos started.

The thunder turned into lightning as From the Ashes, the band of senior drill sergeant Sgt. 1st Class Dustin Cloos, rose up to the stage. Adding to the excitement, the Company B's first sergeant got into the action during one of the mosh pits. From the Ashes earned the title best rock band at the 2004 All Army Battle of the Bands; and the lead singer proved how when he took the stage, wearing his campaign hat and electrified the crowd.

The crowd never had a chance to relax in the squeaky-clean fun environment. The bands always had something ready to drop on their listeners. Ethos set the mood with old and new fan favorite songs.

The crowd's center got into the rockin' mood with MI students and Soldiers bouncing up and down to the music. Even Phase Four Soldiers were able to attend the event. The Soldiers even made a dance line during the show as artificial smoke billowed out onto the stage.

Then Jupiter Sunrise ripped into its own style of play. Although the Soldiers in training did not have lighters to hold to signal "encore," using field expedient thinking, they flipped open their cell phones and let the light from the LCD panels provide bright spots of multi-colored screens do the work.

The band ended their part with a loud bang when it called the bravest souls onto the stage for a session in crowd surfing. A line of people on the stage leaped into the crowd and surfed the hands



Photo by Spc. Creighton Holub

Sierra Comer, the daughter of SFC Robert and Gina Comer, crowd surfs with Jupiter Sunrise's Mark Houlihan at Barnes Field House Dec. 1. Company B 305th Military Intelligence Battalion hosted a 'Rock the Fort' concert that also featured From the Ashes, the best rock band at the 2004 All Army Battle of the Bands, and Ethos, the 36th Army Band's rock band.

and arms of the crowd to a safe landing.

However, From the Ashes was not about to be outdone. SDS Cloos came out and donned his campaign hat, ordered the crowd to backwards march five steps.

Then he whipped his old campaign hat high into the air where it landed just inches out of the reach of a Soldier. The ensuing clamor for the hat looked like the reach for Mark McGwire's record-breaking home run base-

ball.

The event wrapped up after From the Ashes' performance as the company leadership herded the soldiers in training onto the buses to head back to the soldiers' home, the barracks.



Photo by Spc. Creighton Holub

Royregus Cosby breaks past a pair of defenders. Cosby scored all three of MEDDAC's touchdowns Monday night.

The Cosby show reruns touchdowns on 111th

BY SPC. CREIGHTON HOLUB
SCOUT STAFF

The Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 111th Military Intelligence Battalion's flag football team lost its first game this season to the underdog Medical Department Activity team, 18-12, in double overtime action Monday night at Pauley Field.

"We were supposed to be the underdogs," Royregus Cosby said after scoring the winning touchdown. "Everybody underestimated MEDDAC."

MEDDAC now stands at 5-5 for the season while HHC fell to 1-4 overall.

"Half of us didn't know they were undefeated," Cosby said. "I didn't even know until after the

game."

Cosby scored three times for MEDDAC, two of those touchdowns came in the high tempo overtime periods where the grueling battle over inches came on the conversion plays that were all stopped. MEDDAC was missing their starting quarterback, a pair of receivers and one lineman, but still pounded out a win against HHC.

MEDDAC took the lead first with a 55-yard touchdown run by Cosby with eight minutes left in the opening half. HHC stopped the conversion with MEDDAC on top, 6-0.

HHC quarterback Antonio Smith snuck the ball 25 yards to the MEDDAC 35-yard line with 30 seconds left on the clock. Then Rico Rico headed right with the handoff,

ran into a road block and turned left and on through the MEDDAC defense for a 35-yard touchdown run. The two point conversion failed, leaving the game at 6-all.

MEDDAC shot a Hail Mary pass with 10 seconds standing on the first half clock, but the ball fell dead on the other end of the field. MEDDAC quarterback Marcus Goodwin dialed long distance with his own number, but was ran out of bounds by Robert Burnett with one second left. Goodwin launched another pass to the end zone, but Rico intercepted the throw to end the half still tied.

Playing both ways, Goodwin opened the second half on defense with a sack and a tackle for a loss

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Fit For Life

Coping with holiday depression

BY GEORGE R. COLFER, PH.D.
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Everyone is somewhat familiar with the word "depression." Many of us at sometime in life will experience the effects from depression whether it be incident caused, short-term or long-term clinical depression. The winter holiday period, for various reasons, can cause short-term depression for many people. This is the period from about mid-November until after the New Year.

Before going further, holiday depression is short term. If long-term depression exists or continues, one should seek help. While many symptoms of holiday depression are similar to the clinical type, differences do exist mainly in the fact that holiday depression usually ends and life returns to normal. Some of the signs of clinical depression are as follows:

1. A persistent sadness; an empty or anxious mood.
2. Loss of interest in usual activities. No enjoyment in life.
3. A decrease in energy or a feeling of being constantly fatigued.
4. Problems with sleeping and eating.
5. Inability to concentrate or make decisions.
6. Thoughts of death, guilty feelings and a pessimistic outlook on life.
7. A complete feeling of helplessness to solve or remedy the situation.

If you are profoundly unhappy and at a loss for answers, clinical depression may be the reason. Depression is the result of an imbalance in the brain and can be treated with professional help.

Holiday depression is sometimes caused by the effects of excess stress put upon people by unrealistic expectations for the holiday season. The "blues," as it is called by some, usually begins with sadness at a time when everyone thinks you should be happy. Some external causes for the holiday blues would include financial constraints, over-commercialism, travel, shopping demands, overcrowding with house guests, social demands and even meal preparation for larger groups. Some forms of holiday depression

can surface from celebrations. Excessive drinking, overeating and insufficient sleep all can contribute to stress and tension.

Have you ever heard the saying the anticipation was greater than the event? When great expectations are anticipated and don't occur or do occur with problems, people are often left with feelings of guilt and remorse which can cause temporary feelings of depression.

While the holiday period is advertised as a time of great joy and togetherness, it's not for many people. In fact, the holiday period can be a time of extreme loneliness. It also can be a time for self-evaluation, reflections upon the past and anxiety about an uncertain future. Loneliness may be self-inflicted or the result of life changing events. Either way, the depression that occurs is the same. One can be lonely even in a crowd. The concept of forming new relationships or surrounding yourself with people does not always work. Loneliness occurs for a reason and to confront that reason

is often the way to eliminate it. Loneliness can also result from unavoidable separations from family and friends, the absence of holiday traditions and even boredom.

People can also be affected by the holiday blues when their routines of life are disrupted. We tend to become creatures of habit and when it is not possible to follow normal patterns, depression may occur. Whether it be living conditions, eating habits, work or play, temporary changes in lifestyle may leave a person yearning for a return to normality. Also, some people have difficulty when they are not able to be in control as they are used to.

Military personnel are very susceptible to the holiday blues. The obvious reason is separation from home and family and in some cases, uncertainty about the future. Often the bonding and comradeship established, especially with those deployed, may take the edge off the blues as they realize they are not the only ones affected. Back in the late 1960s, a Marine Corps friend returned home for R and R during the holiday period only to cut his leave short because he couldn't relate to the Christmas holidays at home. "There was a war going on and Marines were dying and being wounded and all they (assumed: family, friends, etc.)

were concerned about was having enough food and drink, and what to get Uncle Henry for Christmas because he never liked anything. Somehow I couldn't connect with their feelings of Importance."

The environment can also be a factor. While not a problem in Arizona, some people will suffer from the absence of sunlight. Certain areas of the country, where the winters are long and sunlight is scarce are more prone to winter and holiday depression than those in sunny states. For example, statistics show that 10 percent of Alaska residents suffer from winter depression as compared to one percent of Florida residents.

If holiday depression becomes a problem, here are some suggestions that may help.

A. Keep stress levels low. Stress can precede depression.

B. Keep expectations for the holidays attainable and reasonable. Expectations too high

can lead to disappointment.

C. Set realistic goals for travel, how time will be spent, gift-giving, expenses and lifestyle changes.

D. Take care of your body. Eat healthy, exercise and get sufficient sleep. Don't over indulge in food or drink.

E. Mind over matter. Take control and do what it takes to keep holiday depression away.

F. It's alright to be sad as long as there are reasons. Grief is normal, but keep it in proportion to the circumstances. Grief out of control can become depression.

G. Get lots of sunlight and the outdoors. Buy some bright color flowers.

H. Exercise can decrease stress and depression.

If your normal routine is not available, seek alternatives.

I. Spend time with people you can be happy around.

J. Don't live in the past. Life brings change. Each holiday season is different and can be enjoyed in its own way. Don't set yourself up for holiday depression by always comparing the present to the "good old days".

Best wishes to all for a happy holiday season and a successful new year.





Photo by Spc. Creighton Holub

Get your game on

Lauren Jordan dribbles the ball Dec. 2 in the Rattlers' game with the Hurricanes off post. The Sierra Vista Soccer Club does not keep official scores in the under-6 games.

Army Falls To Navy, 42-13

BY ROB MAADDI
AP SPORTS WRITER

Aaron Polanco threw two touchdown passes and ran for another score, leading Navy to a 42-13 victory over Army on Saturday in the 105th meeting between the service academies.

President Bush attended the game for the first time since 2001 at Veterans Stadium, taking part in the coin toss by flipping a commemorative coin sent from the Iraqi city of Fallujah.

Bowl-bound Navy (9-2) hadn't won nine games since Heisman Trophy winner Roger Staubach quarterbacked the Midshipmen to a 9-1 record in 1963.

Navy has won five of the last six meetings to tie the overall series at 49-49-7. The Midshipmen have outscored Army 134-31 in the last three games.

Kyle Eckel had a career-high 179 yards rushing and a TD for Navy. Carlton Jones ran for 98 yards and Zac Dahman threw two TDs for Army (2-9).

One of the most storied rivalries in college sports, the game was even more significant this year because of the ongoing war in Iraq. A moment of silence was held before the game for all deployed military forces.

About one dozen parachuters descended onto the field, with one member from the Army's Golden Knights and another from the Navy's Leapfrogs delighting the sellout crowd of 67,882 at Lincoln Financial Field by landing at midfield.

Four fighter jets and seven helicopter gunships roared over the stadium just before Bush walked out to midfield for the coin toss. Earlier, Bush spoke to both teams in their locker rooms and later took a picture with both cheerleading squads.

After a scoreless first quarter, Navy found the end zone twice in the next

four minutes.

Polanco's 10-yard TD run gave the Midshipmen a 7-0 lead. A 44-yard run by Eric Roberts gave Navy a first down at Army's 22. Two plays later, Polanco ran in for his 13th rushing TD this season.

After Army went three-and-out, Navy took over at its 47. One play after Polanco completed a 6-yarder to Jason Tomlinson on a fourth-and-5, Eckel burst up the middle for a 23-yard TD run to make it 14-0.

Josh Smith returned an interception 67 yards, giving Navy a 21-0 lead later in the second quarter. Dahman eluded a sack, started to scramble, stopped and tossed the ball into Smith's hands.

After a 12-yard TD pass from Polanco to Mick Yokitis put Navy ahead 28-0, Dahman connected with Jeremy Trimble for a 6-yard TD pass to make it 28-7 in the final minute of the first half.

Polanco tossed a 9-yard TD pass to Roberts in the third quarter. Dahman threw an 8-yard TD pass to Aaron Alexander in the fourth. Lamar Owens capped the scoring with a 17-yard TD run.

Despite finishing with a loss, Army took strides toward rebuilding its program under first-year coach Bobby Ross. The Black Knights snapped a 19-game losing streak and won consecutive games for the first time since 1997.

Last year, Army suffered the ignominy of being the first Division I-A team to finish 0-13, and it hasn't had a winning season since 1996. The Black Knights return next year to independent status after seven dreadful seasons in Conference USA. They are a woeful 6-41 over the last four seasons.

Meanwhile, Navy is heading to the Emerald Bowl in San Francisco on Dec. 30 after winning the Commander-In-Chief's trophy outright for the second consecutive year.

Post youth basketball program

Registration for the Fort Huachuca Youth Basketball program is in progress now - Jan. 7, 2005. The program is open to youth 5 - 15, whose parents are active duty or retired military, Department of the Army civilians, Nonappropriated Fund employees or contractor employees. Youth must also be members of Child and Youth Services. For CYS registration, call 533-0738. Cost of the program is \$35 for the first child; \$30 for the second child; and \$25 for each additional child in the same family. The program starts in mid-January.

For more information, call Steve Wambach at 533-3205

Commissary holiday hours

The Fort Huachuca Commissary's holiday hours are as follows:

Dec. 20	9 a.m.- 6 p.m.
Dec. 24	close at 5 p.m.
Dec. 25	Closed
Dec. 26	Closed
Dec. 27	9 a.m.- 6 p.m.
Jan. 1	Closed

All other days are normal operating hours.

EAmyU

Electronic Army University is now available to enlisted Soldiers. Soldiers can begin or complete their college degree taking online courses. Two different options available. For more information, call the eArmyU representative at 533-1019 or a counselor at 533-3010.

Adult tennis lessons

The Parks and Leisure Services will run adult tennis lessons in four one-hour increments starting 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Saturdays. The fee is \$45.00 per person for four lessons. A U.S. Tennis Association teaching professional will be the instructor. Registration is ongoing at the Oscar Yrun Community Center, Ethel

Berger Center and the Cove. Lessons will be held at the King's Court Tennis Center. For more information, call 458-7922.

Youth basketball league

Register your child by Dec. 30 for the Parks and Leisure Youth Basketball Program. League play is scheduled to begin on or about Jan. 29. The league is open to girls and boys, 5 - 15. Registration is \$65 per player for ages 5 - 8 and \$ 75 per player for ages 9 - 15 with all participants keeping their shirt/jersey. There will be a waiting list established for all age divisions, so insure that your child or children are registered by close of business Dec. 30. Registration has begun and runs through Dec. 30 at the Oscar Yrun Community Center, the Ethel Berger Center and the Cove. A \$15 late fee and program waiting list begins Dec. 31. The participant's birth certificate will be required when registering. For more information, call 458-7922.

Adult basketball league

Find your basketball sneakers and all your friends because it's Parks and Leisure Services basketball season time. Cost is \$550 per team with teams consisting of 5 to 10 players, 16 and up. Games will be played throughout the week at Sierra Vista Middle School gym with registration running through Jan. 10. Informational meeting is 6:30 p.m., Jan. 10 at the Oscar Yrun Community Center with the league scheduled to begin on or about Feb. 4. Register your team at the Oscar Yrun Community Center, the Ethel Berger Center and the Cove. For more information, call 458-7922.

Youth basketball coaches needed

The Parks and Leisure Services are looking for volunteers 18 and older who would like to pass on their knowledge, skills and abilities to our community youth in the upcoming Youth Basketball Program. The program is for girls and boys, 5 -15, with all divisions being coed. Coaches are needed by Jan. 5 with the program schedule to start Jan. 29. Volunteer applica-

tions are available at the Oscar Yrun Community Center, the Ethel Berger Center and the Cove. For more information, call 458-7922.

Senior women's softball

The Hot Flashes, a senior women's softball team from Sierra Vista/Bisbee, is recruiting players that are at least 47-years-old. This team travels to women's senior softball tournaments in Arizona and bordering states. For more information, call Cheryl Linendoll, 459-0607.

Trekkers

The Trekkers are an internationally sanctioned non-competitive sports club, sponsoring four weekend walks and eight year round events in Arizona.

The year round events consist of walks at the Coronado National Memorial; Fort Huachuca; Naco, Ariz. to Naco, Sonora, Mexico; historic Bisbee; Tombstone; Benson; and Sedona.

For more information, call Wendy or Dave Breen at 378-1763.

New classes at MWR Arts Center

The MWR Arts Center is offering new classes. "Polaroid Manipulation" is offered 6 - 8 p.m., Thursdays. This class teaches the student how to turn an ordinary Polaroid picture into a "work of art." Cost of the class is \$28 and includes all materials.

For more information, call 533-2015 or stop by the Arts Center, located in Building 52008 on Arizona Street.

Database motherlode

You can access the world's most comprehensive catalog of library materials at the post main library. If an item has been cataloged by any library in the world, it is in the First Search database. For more information call, the reference librarian at 533-3041 or e-mail Natalie Danforth on MS-Exchange.

Pet Of The Week



Fudge is a 10-month-old, brown, male pitbull mix. All pitbull and pitbull mixes are now off post adoptions only.



Flower is a 4 year old, female, tortoise shell feline.

These animals and more are available for adoption from the Fort Huachuca Veterinary Treatment Facility. For more information, call 533-2767 or visit forthuachucapetfinder.com. In accordance with Army regulation stray animals are kept for three working days to find an owner. After three days, they are either placed up for adoption or humanely euthanized. Strays are available for adoption for 30 days until they are euthanized.

At The Movies

Showing at the Cochise Theater for the next week are:

Today -7 p.m.

I (Heart) Huckabees
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Friday -7 p.m.

Alfie
R

Saturday -7 p.m.

Ray
PG-13

Sunday -2 p.m.

The Incredibles
PG

Monday - Wednesday

Closed

Reduced prices on Thursday evening and Sunday matinees.

Watch CAC

For the latest news in the Fort Huachuca community as well as all of your military branches worldwide, the Commander's Access Channel (Channel 97) is your first and most reliable source. Tune in to our news block hours at four convenient times throughout the day. The Fort Report airs weekdays at 6 a.m., noon, 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. Army NewsWatch follows at 6:05 a.m., 12:05 p.m., 6:05 p.m. and 10:05 p.m. Catch Air Force TV News right after at 7 a.m., 1 p.m., 7 p.m. and 11 p.m. Be sure to top it all off with Navy/Marine Corps News at 7:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m.

If you're interested in posting your message on the Commander's Channel, e-mail your request to channel97@hua.army.mil.



Intramural Flag Football Standings
(as of Dec. 6)

<u>NFC</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PCT.</u>	<u>GB</u>
HHC 111th	9	1	.900	—
Company D 86th	8	2	.800	1½
NCOA	7	2	.750	2½
HHC, 40th Sig.	7	4	.636	2½
USMC/USN Det.	6	4	.600	4
Chaos	6	4	.600	4
Company B 305th	5	4	.556	4½
Company D 309th	6	5	.545	3½
MEDDAC	5	5	.500	5
269th Sig.	4	7	.364	6½
19th Sig.	2	9	.182	7½
Company D 40th	1	10	.091	8½
HHC, 306th	1	10	.091	8½

<u>AFC</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PCT.</u>	<u>GB</u>
DFAC	10	0	1.000	—
HHCUSAG	8	2	.800	2
C Co. 304th MI BN	7	3	.700	3
A Co. 305th MI BN	6	4	.600	4
C Co. 305th MI BN	6	4	.600	4
HHC 11th SIG BDE	6	4	.600	4
69th SIG CO	6	5	.545	4½
E CO 309th MI BN	5	5	.500	5
A CO 40th SIG BN	5	6	.454	5½
NETCOM	3	7	.300	7
ISEC	2	8	.200	8
JITC	2	8	.200	8
Sonoita Border Patrol	0	10	.000	10

Game results

<u>Dec. 1</u>			
USMC/USN	30	19th Sig	28
269th Sig.	28	HHC 40th Sig	26
NCOA	15	MEDDAC	13
HHC 111th	1	Company D 309th	0
Company D 86th	32	Company D 40th	0

<u>Dec. 2</u>			
JITC	39	NETCOM	20
Company C 305th	1	Sonoita Border Patrol	0
Company C 304th	36	ISEC	0
DFAC	25	Company A 305th	19
HHC 11th Sig	19	Company E 309th	7
69th Sig	18	Company A 40th	14

<u>Friday</u>			
Company C 305th	1	ISEC	0
Company A 305th	19	HHCUSAG	18
Company C 304th	27	JITC	7
HHC 11th Sig	18	69th Sig	13
DFAC	39	NETCOM	27
Company A 40th	1	Sonoita Border Patrol	0

<u>Monday</u>			
USMC/USN	14	HHC 40th Sig	12
MEDDAC	18	HHC 111th	12 2OT
Company B 305th	27	19th Sig	7
NCOA	1	HHC, 306th MI	0
269th Sig	20	Company D 40th	16
Chaos	1	Company D 309th	0

MEDDAC, from Page 23 on the next play. Goodwin intercepted a HHC pass at the MEDDAC 5-yard line returning the ball 30 yards as 10 minutes remained in the game. Back on offense, Goodwin ruptured the HHC defense with a 35-yard rush up the right side of the field. However, HHC ended the MEDDAC drive at the 10-yard line with eight seconds left to play. Hoping for a quick finish, MEDDAC rushed HHC quarterback Smith, who narrowly escaped a stop in the end zone for a safety, but his Hail Mary pass fell incomplete ending regulation. Cosby took a handoff through the left side to tie it 12-all. The conversion failed. Cosby broke free from the HHC defense and crossed the goal line unscathed on the winning touchdown in double overtime, closing the game out 18-12.